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Letter dated 27 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Sudan announced its acceptance of the tripartite initiative of the African Union, the Arab League and the United Nations for the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the affected population in the Blue Nile and South Kordofan States.

The Government of the Sudan and the representatives of the African Union, Arab League and the United Nations have agreed on the following nine principles to operationalize the process, namely:

1. To strictly adhere to the sovereignty of the Sudan and the obligation of the Government of the Sudan to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country as well as its right to maintain security and enforce the law, in accordance with article 3 of Protocol II of 1977, annexed to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949.

2. Guarantee the right of access to food and humanitarian aid to all those affected by the conflict, without discrimination.

3. The initiative is meant to lend itself to immediately end the armed conflict through a comprehensive approach.

4. To acknowledge what the Government has provided in terms of humanitarian aid to affected areas in both States.

5. To affirm the sovereignty of the Government of the Sudan in supervising humanitarian aid operations in all territories of the Sudan.

6. To affirm the partnership between the Government and the [three] sponsoring parties in reviewing technical arrangements to resolve humanitarian problems in the affected areas.

7. The need to agree on a definite time frame for humanitarian operations.

8. To endorse a joint workplan to provide humanitarian aid between the Government and the [three] sponsoring parties.

9. To endorse and implement, in the two States, the laws, regulations and directives governing the humanitarian work of the Government of the Sudan.

The Government of the Republic of the Sudan would like to stress that its approval comes in conformity with its policy to secure and safeguard the well-being of its citizens, especially in the affected areas, and in keeping with its declared acceptance of the African Union Peace and Security Council road map and United Nations Security Council resolution 2046 (2012).

While conveying the aforementioned information, I would appreciate it if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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